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"TO CHOOSE ONE OF THOSE BOYS"
"THE ONE YOU DESIRE MOST"
"AND DEVOUR HIM".
YOU EVEN CALLED YOUR FRIENDS HERE!
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
FR... FRIENDS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T ACT ALL INNOCENT! JUST NOW...
mumble
...AL- RIGHT.

Previously on Comic Yue
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Summary

A boy called Yue was born and raised at a temple on the outskirts of Utsuwa. One day, he descended the mountain and went to a festival, and then met two mysterious boys. Yue wished to become friends with them, but the Mistress of the temple, Mikoto, told him to "Choose one of them and devour him."

The Story So Far

In the town of Utsuwa, mysterious incidents such as the disappearances of humans and the trains not stopping continue. In the midst of this, Yue gets closer to Tougo and Akiyoshi, the two boys he is trying to befriend. However, the principal at the kindergarten attended by Tougo's younger sister disappears. Akiyoshi claims Yue, saying that Yue might be the one responsible. The three boys decide to find the one responsible for the spiritings away.

Characters

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A mysterious young man who appeared at the silver [illegible]. He seems to have a fox's tail wrapped around his neck...

Sato-san

The priest at Utsuwa Shrine who serves [illegible] goddess who rules over Utsuwa. He acts as a parent and mentor to Yue.

Kuroitsune

A black fox who has been together with Yue since he was young. He thinks of himself as Yue's older brother and has an upfront personality. He usually sits in Yue's shoulder.

Akiyoshi Tachika

A second-year high school student. He is the successor to a good family and is extremely allergic to pollen. For some reason he is persistently trying to uncover Yue's true identity...

Tougo Tsubaki

A second-year high school student. He lives with his father and sister (Hina). He's a caring person. It seems that he and Yue remember each other...

Yue

The main character. He's always laid back, [illegible] things at his own pace. Although he's laid back, he's also full of curiosity.

MY DAD WOULDN'T LET ME GO OUT TO PLAY..
huff
huff
YOU'RE LATE AKIYOSHI
YOU DIDN'T TURN UP. SO I WAS THINKING OF GOING HOME.
SORRY! I KEPT YOU WAITING.
THE PARK FROM HIS MEMORIES AND A SPECIAL FRIEND...
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THAT PROMISE
I MADE A PROMISE SO I WAS DEFINITELY GOING TO COME!
Sigh
THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN!
WHILE I WAS WAITING I BEGAN TO THINK YOU WOULDN'T COME
THEN I'LL MAKE A PROMISE TOO
HEH
HAHA. YOU'RE INTERESTING AKIYOSHI
HMPH..

あかやかしの
The popular modern-day AYAKASHI fantasy!
I won't lose it next time.
Absolutely not.
Tale 5
Akujiki
Art: Nanao
Story: HaccaWorks*
WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! THE FIRST VOLUME OF "AKAAKA" WILL GO ON SALE JULY 27 (FRIDAY)!

IT'S DECIDED
TOMORROW WE'LL START LOOKING FOR PROOF
DON'T RUN AWAY, FOX MASK
JEEZ~ I WASN'T THE ONE WHO DID IT
CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE
THERE ARE A FEW SUSPICIOUS THINGS ABOUT HIM, BUT ISN'T IT TOO SOON TO TREAT HIM LIKE A CRIMINAL?
HMPH...
...ALRIGHT. FIRST WE'LL DO A PROPER INVESTIGATION AND GET SOME DEFINITE PROOF FROM THAT.
crus
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS SAYING...
THAT'S JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM YOU, TSUBAKI!
SQUEEZE
.....
ANYWAY, WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY
WE'LL MEET AT THE PARK AFTER CLASS TOMORROW, OKAY?
YEAH
DON'T FORGET, FOX MASK.
I KNOW... YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT, AKIYOSHI

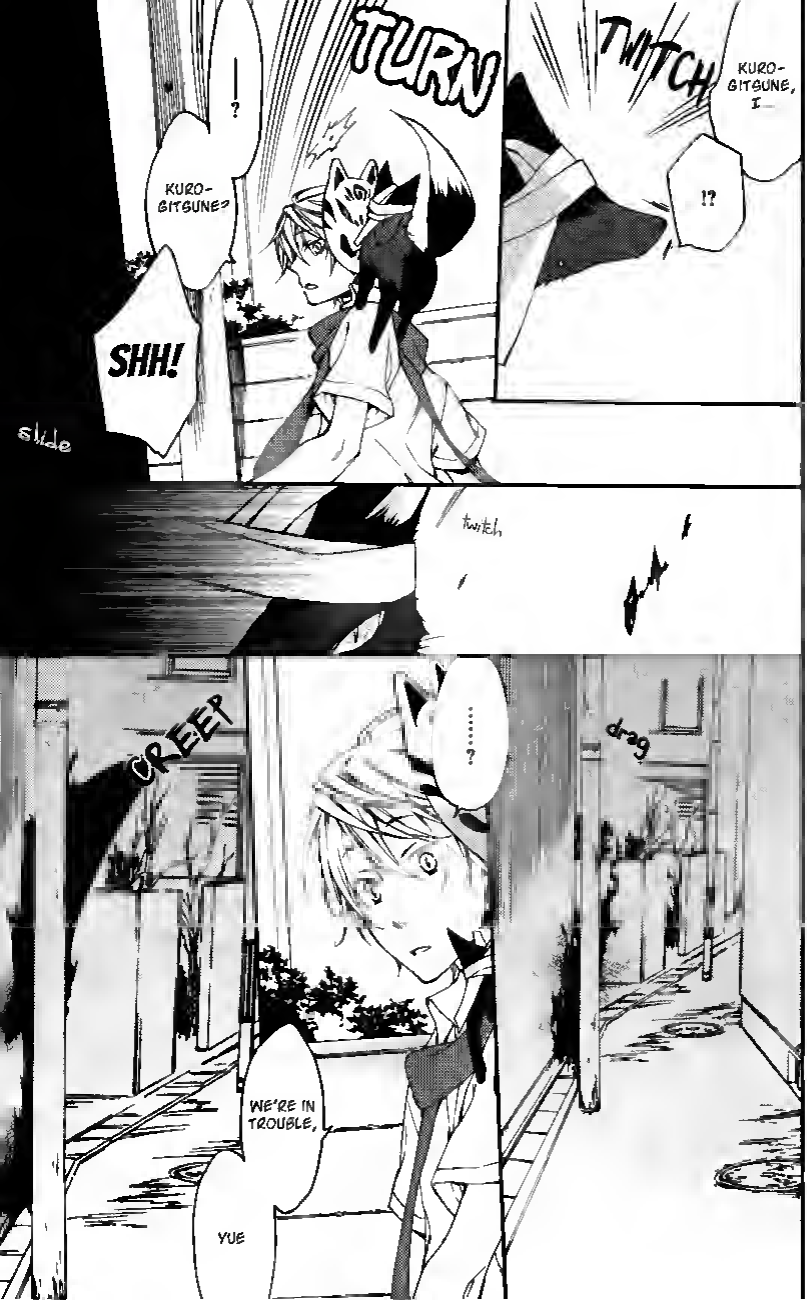
YOU REALLY CHALLENGED HIM TODAY NO MATTER WHAT, I DON'T THINK HE DID IT.
WERE YOU SERIOUS WHEN YOU SAID THAT?
..HEY, TOCHIKA..
..YES OF COURSE I WAS SERIOUS
BUT IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN MY REASONS
I DON'T EXPECT THAT YOU'LL BELIEVE ME

BY THE WAY, TSUBAKI,
I'M SURE I TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED YOU TO CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME
NO... WE'RE NOT FRIENDLY ENOUGH TO CALL EACH OTHER BY OUR FIRST NAMES, ARE WE?
THERE'S A REASON
I DON'T WANT THEM TO DISCOVER MY IDENTITY
SHOCK
WHA?!
IT'S OKAY BECAUSE IT'S NOT YOUR FAMILY NAME, RIGHT, AKKI?
UGH
Sigh
ALRIGHT. I'LL CALL YOU "AKKI" THEN.
...? THAT'S SO ANNOYING
PLEASE
AH
I'M GOING THIS WAY. SEE YOU, AKKI
UH
S-SEE YOU LATER, TSUBAKI
BUT...

"THERE'S NEVER BEEN A PRINCIPAL HERE."
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT HAPPENED AGAIN.
THIS TIME I WON'T LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY.
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN QUITE COMPLICATED, HAVEN'T THEY?
AHHHH
clatter

BUT I SUPPOSE WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE ABOUT DOING IT
IF THE ONE RESPONSIBLE REALLY IS NEARBY, THOSE TWO MIGHT BE IN DANGER.
.....
YUE
HMM?
YOUR PURPOSE IS "THE MEAL", ISN'T IT?
YES.
IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THEM...
BUT CAN YOU DEFINITELY CHOOSE?
CLATTER
...YUE?
KURO-GITSUNE
YOU SAID THAT THE KINDERGAR-TEN PRINCIPAL WAS SOMEONE'S "MEAL", DIDN'T YOU?
HMM? YES.

WILL THE SAME THING HAPPEN IF I EAT TSUBAKI OR AKIYOSHI?
YUE...
WILL HINA-CHAN FORGET TSUBAKI?
NACCHAN SAID "YOU'LL KNOW WHEN THE TIME COMES"...
BUT DO I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEN?
WHAT IS THE "MEAL"?


TURN
TWITCH
KURO-GITSUNE, I—
!?
!?
KURO-GITSUNE?
SHH!
slide
twitch
drag
.....?
CREEP
WE'RE IN TROUBLE,
YUE

SHOCK
WHAT IS THAT ?
drag drag
RUN, YUE!
RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
DASH
splat
splat
splat
splat
GRR

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
huff
I KNOW!
BUT WHAT IS THAT THING?
huff
THUD
THUD
DON'T TURN AROUND!
RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
!!
IT'S CHASING US!
SLIDE
SLIDE
SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT BY!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

JUMP
AH!
SHAKE
WHOOSH
WHAT?
HUFF
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
IT'S SAYING SOME-THING...?
IM GOING TO EAT YOU

TCH..
YOU!
TAP
THUD
THANK YOU, KUROGITSUNE
?
NEVER MIND ABOUT THANKING ME!
WE'RE GOING TO OUTRUN IT THIS TIME!
OKAY!
RIP
RIP

Ah...
slump
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
SLIDE
WE
WE MANAGED TO ESCAPE SOMEHOW...
huff
huff

THUD
YUE?!
YUE!
...
OH...?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
STAGGER
I WAS BEING CHASED BY THAT BLACK THING..

...HUH?
WHA...
WHAT IS THIS?
HMPH I KNEW IT
TAP
rub rub
AKIYOSHI...
YOUR DISGUISE IS COMING OFF, FOX MASK!
IT'S JUST AS I SUSPECTED
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS.
OH!
IMPRESSIVE YOU STILL THINK YOU CAN MAKE EXCUSES?
RIGHT, TSUBAKI?

TSUBAKI!
hmph
IT'S A NATURAL JUDGEMENT TO MAKE
Hmph
.....
AKIYOSHI!
LISTEN TO ME
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT. ANYWAY, LOOK...
YOUR FRIEND HAS COME TO MEET YOU, HASN'T IT?

HAA...
HAA...
AH...
YUE!
YOU'RE AWAKE! ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT?
KUROGITSUNE
...
YES... I'M OKAY
SORRY, I..
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGISING, YUE?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT GOING TO AN UNFAMILIAR TOWN WOULD MAKE YOU TIRED
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT YOU WERE HAVING A HARD TIME
UPSET
JEEZ
STOP THAT~ IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KUROGITSUNE

HEY WHAT WAS THAT MONSTER-LIKE THING?
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU, KUROGITSUNE?
..."AKUJIKI".
AKUJIKI...?
UNLIKE US, THEY'LL EAT ANYTHING, INCLUDING BOTH SPIRITS AND HUMANS
SATO-SAMA, MASHIRO-SAN AND KABETSU-SAN ALWAYS "CLEAN" THEM UP.
SO I NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE'D ENCOUNTER ONE

...I SUSPECT THAT AN AKUJIKI MIGHT HAVE "EATEN" THE KINDERGARTEN PRINCIPAL
SO THAT'S WHAT THE "MEAL" IS AFTER ALL? THEN I'LL ALSO...
NO...
IT'S DIFFERENT.. ESPECIALLY IN YOUR CASE
...WE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE "MEAL" YOU HAVE TO CARRY OUT...
squeeze
I'M SORRY
...IT'S OKAY.
THANK YOU, KURO-GITSUNE

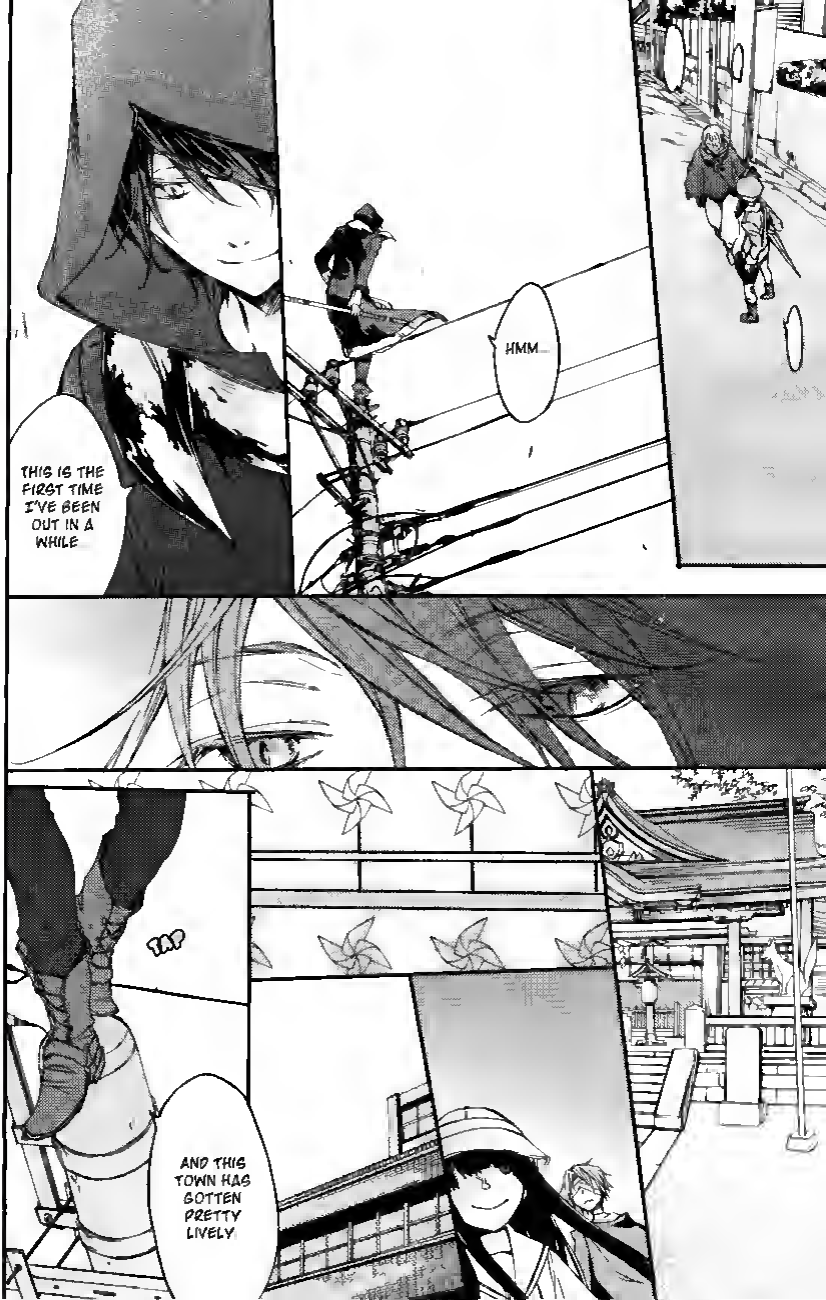
COME ON
YOU'RE REALLY TIRED, SO MAKE SURE TO GET SOME REST
FLUMP
..OKAY
PAT
SIGH
—HOW IS YUE-SAMA FEELING?
AH, HE JUST WOKE UP FOR A LITTLE WHILE—
BUT HE MUST HAVE BEEN TIRED BECAUSE HE FELL BACK ASLEEP RIGHT AWAY
TAP
—COME OVER HERE I'LL POUR SOME TEA
HUH?
NO, I'M—

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WHEN YOU LOOK SO PALE?
COME ON, REST FOR A WHILE
POUR
IT'S OKAY
...I'M SORRY

grab
WHOOSH
DRAG
DRAG
AH...
AHH...
IT HURTS
WHY...
...PREPARE YOURSELF ALREADY.
WHY...
SHIN-SAMA...

WHACK
swoosh
...
OH?
I WAS SURE IT WAS AROUND HERE
THAT'S STRANGE MEOW-
DON'T SAY "MEOW" YOU IDIOT
LET'S CHECK ONE MORE TIME

TAP
OKAY, OKAY..
!?
THUMP
?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MASHIRO?
HEY!
THAT FACE...
NO WAY...
DASH
clatter
DAMN IT...


HMM...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN OUT IN A WHILE
TAP
AND THIS TOWN HAS GOTTEN PRETTY LIVELY

The connection between Yue and the mysterious man...! The long-awaited first volume goes on sale July 27 (Friday)!
MY BODY.
...I'M GOING TO TAKE IT BACK.
AH, WELL. I'VE FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.
To be continued in the August issue
On sale July 14 (Saturday)!